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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: MM Docket No. 94-70

Dear Mr. Caton:

VIA HAND DELIVERY

On behalf of Orville Ronald Brandon, the courtappointed Receiver for Ceder Carolina Limited Partnership, licensee of Station WJYQ(FM), Moncks Corner, South Carolina, there are transmitted herewith an original and four copies of each of the following:

- 1. Reply Comments of Orville Ronald Brandon.
- 2. Motion for Summary Dismissal.

If any additional information is desired in connection with this matter, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Very truly yours,

Brian M. Madden

Enclosure BMM/tlm

cc w/encl.:

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In the Matter of)		
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	MM Docket No.	94-70
Table of Allotments)		
FM Broadcast Stations)	RM-8474	
(Moncks Corner and Kiawah Island,)		Dr.
South Carolina))		UPC

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

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MOTION FOR SUMMARY DISMISSAL

Orville Ronald Brandon, the court-appointed Receiver for Ceder Carolina Limited Partnership, licensee of broadcast Station WJYQ(FM), Moncks Corner, South Carolina, by his attorneys, hereby requests that the Commission summarily dismiss the Counterproposal¹ filed by Sampit Broadcasters ("SB") in the above-referenced proceeding as a result of its numerous fundamental deficiencies under required Commission rule making procedures.

^{1/} Comments and Counterproposal of Sampit Broadcasters, filed August 26, 1994 ("SB Counterproposal"). The SB Counterproposal was submitted in this proceeding in conjunction with SB's Comments addressing the proposed upgrade of Station WJYO. Mr. Brandon's response to SB's Comments on the proposed modification of the construction permit of Station WJYQ to operate on Channel 288C2 at Kiawah Island are being filed separately. As a consequence of the numerous procedural deficiencies of the SB Counterproposal identified herein, and in accordance with established Commission procedures, Mr. Brandon reserves his right to comment on any substantive aspect of the SB Counterproposal, including the failure of Sampit to qualify as a community for allocation purposes, if and until the Commission formally announces the filing of the SB Counterproposal.

Station WJYQ is authorized, pursuant to a valid construction permit, for construction and operation on Channel 287C3 at Moncks Corner. At the station's request, in this proceeding the Commission has proposed the amendment of Section 73.202(b) of the rules to upgrade the station to operate on Channel 288C2 at Kiawah Island, as that community's first local transmission service, and to modify the construction permit of Station WJYQ accordingly. Mr. Brandon filed comments in support of this proposal on August 26, 1994, as the licensee of Station WJYQ.

The SB Counterproposal instead proposes that the Commission make a series of interdependent changes to the FM Table of Allotments: the allocation of Channel 288A to Kiawah Island, the substitution of Channel 287A instead of Channel 287C3 at Moncks Corner, and the allocation of Channel 289A to Sampit, South Carolina. For the reasons set forth herein, the SB

At the request of Station WJYQ, in MM Docket No. 91-127, the Commission substituted Channel 287C3 for Channel 288A at Moncks Corner and modified the license of Station WJYQ accordingly. FM Table of Allotments (Blackville, South Carolina, et al.), 7 FCC Rcd 6522 (Allocations Branch, 1992). The licensee of Station WJYQ applied for, and subsequently obtained, a construction permit (File No. BMPH-930511IB) to operate on Channel 287C3. This permit remains in full force and effect.

Counterproposal is procedurally defective and must be dismissed summarily without any substantive consideration.

SB Has Failed to Provide the Required Expression of Interest for Each of Its Proposed Allotments

It is fundamental that the Commission "will not allot a channel to a community absent an expression of interest in applying for that channel." See, e.g., FM Table of Allotments (Wellington, Kansas, et al.), 7 FCC Rcd 2195, 2196 (Allocations Branch, 1992) ("Wellington"); FM Table of Allotments (Carolina Beach, North Carolina, et al.), 7 FCC Rcd 544, 545 (Commission, 1992). Yet, despite this elementary requirement, SB has failed to indicate that it will apply for two of the three channels which it has requested. In fact, SB has expressly disclaimed any interest in applying for Channel 287A at Moncks Corner. SB Counterproposal at 4. On this basis alone, the SB Counterproposal must be dismissed.

Furthermore, nowhere has SB provided any assurance that it will apply for Channel 288A at Kiawah Island. It might be contended that SB does not need to represent its intention to apply for Channel 288A at Kiawah Island, since Mr. Brandon has proposed the operation of Station WJYQ on Channel 288C2 there. However, the Commission will not "allot a channel of a lesser

class than requested, absent an expression of interest in applying for that channel, in order to accommodate another party's allotment proposal." Wellington, supra, 7 FCC Rcd at 2196; FM Table of Allotments (Epworth, Iowa, et al.), 7 FCC Rcd 106 (Allocations Branch, 1992). Mr. Brandon has expressed no interest in operating a Class A station at Kiawah Island. See Declaration of Orville Ronald Brandon ("Declaration"), attached hereto, at ¶3. The absence of any expression of interest by SB thus makes the proposed allotment of Channel 288A to Kiawah Island unacceptable and requires that the Commission dismiss the SB Counterproposal.

The SB Counterproposal is Dependent upon an Involuntary Downgrade of the Authorized Facilities of Station WJYQ

There are other reasons why the Commission must summarily dismiss the SB Counterproposal. As demonstrated below, the SB Counterproposal would require the involuntary downgrade of Station WJYQ's existing authorization at Moncks Corner from Channel 287C3 to Channel 287A. SB has offered not a single case citation in support of such a change. It is clearly contrary to Commission policy and precedent to consider any allocation proposal that demands the downgrading of another, validly authorized station, absent -- at a bare minimum -- agreement by

the affected station to the downgrade. FM Table of Allotments (Flora, Mississippi, et al.) ("Flora"), 7 FCC Rcd 5477, n.5 (Allocations Branch, 1992). As the licensee of Station WJYQ, Mr. Brandon is the only party who can consent to a downgrade for the station. In his Declaration, Mr. Brandon states that he was neither contacted by anyone seeking his approval of a downgrade of Station WJYQ, nor does he consent to the downgrade.

Declaration at ¶3.

The feasibility of the SB Counterproposal requires the downgrade of the Moncks Corner allocation, because SB's proposal to allot Channel 288A to Kiawah Island would otherwise be 33.29 kilometers short-spaced to the transmitter site authorized for Station WJYQ's operation on Channel 287C3. Technical Statement of John Lundin ("Technical Statement"), attached hereto, at 2 & Figure 2. SB has proposed no alternative Class C3 channel for Station WJYQ, and, as indicated by Mr. Lundin, no alternative Class C3 channel is available for use at Moncks Corner by Station WJYQ. Id.

Absent the downgrade of the Moncks Corner allotment to Class A status, SB's Counterproposal fails to satisfy the threshold required minimum separation rules for its allotment of Channel 288A to Kiawah Island. As noted above, Mr. Brandon does

not consent to the downgrade of Station WJYQ at Moncks Corner.

The SB Counterproposal is therefore unacceptable for Commission consideration.

The SB Counterproposal is Dependent upon the Forced Involuntary Relocation of the Authorized Transmitter Site for Station WJYQ

Finally, dismissal of the SB Counterproposal is required because, in the absence of an involuntary downgrade of Station WJYQ, the SB Counterproposal can comply with the minimum spacing requirements only if SB can effect a relocation of the authorized transmitter site of Station WJYQ. As Mr. Lundin explains, the reference point used by SB for its proposed Moncks Corner allotment is 17.6 kilometers north-northeast of the transmitter site specified in the construction permit issued to Station WJYO. Technical Statement at 2. Unless SB can move the reference point for the Moncks Corner allotment to a different location than that authorized for use by Station WJYQ, the proposed allocation of Channel 288A to Kiawah Island is 33.29 kilometers short-spaced to Station WJYQ operating on Channel 287C3. Id. In fact, without a forced relocation of the station's transmitter site, SB's proposed allotment for Kiawah Island would be 16.29 kilometers short-spaced to Station WJYQ even if it were downgraded to operate on Channel 287A. Technical Statement at Figure 2. These substantial separation deficiencies plainly render the SB Counterproposal unacceptable.

SB has neither sought nor obtained Mr. Brandon's consent to the relocation of the transmitter site of Station WJYQ. See Declaration at ¶3. In the absence of Mr. Brandon's consent, SB cannot properly advance an allocation proposal which so obviously requires the specification of a new transmitter site for Station WJYQ. The Commission will not force a station to relocate its transmitter site without the station's consent. FM Table of Allotments (Claremore, Oklahoma, et al.), 3 FCC Rcd 4037, 4038 (Policy and Rules Division, 1988), rev. denied, 4 FCC Rcd 2181 (Commission, 1989); see also, FM Table of Allotments (Beaumont and Big Bear Lake, California) ("Beaumont"), 3 FCC Rcd 6458 (Policy and Rules Division, 1988); and Modification of FM or Television Licenses Pursuant to Section 316 of the Communications Act, 63 Rad. Reg. 2d (P&F) 58, 61 & n.6 ("[The Commission] will not require an affected station to change its transmitter site to accommodate a channel substitution"). $\frac{3}{}$ As Mr. Brandon does not

The fact that Station WJYQ has not yet commenced operation on Channel 287C3 is of no significance in this regard. The Commission has stated that its policy against forcing a station to relocate its transmitter site is not merely to avoid the expense of the relocation (which SB has nowhere promised to assume), but also to eliminate "the administrative difficulty in selecting and approving a new transmitter site for an existing station..." Beaumont, (continued...)

consent to a relocation of the transmitter site of Station WJYQ, the Commission must dismiss the SB Counterproposal as unacceptable for failure to satisfy the required minimum separation standards.

Conclusion

As shown herein, the SB Counterproposal is marked by numerous procedural deficiencies, each one of which is adequate, standing alone, to render the SB Counterproposal unacceptable and to compel its dismissal. No expression of interest has been supplied for either the Moncks Corner or the Kiawah Island allotments. The Kiawah Island allocation fails to meet the minimum separation rules with respect to the authorized transmitter site of Station WJYQ unless the station is forced into a downgrade in class and/or the relocation of its transmitter site. The licensee of Station WJYQ strongly rejects both of these alternatives.

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supra, 3 FCC Rcd at 6458. The transmitter site authorized for operation by Station WJYQ on Channel 287C3 is the same as its licensed site on Channel 288A. Technical Statement at 1. Station WJYQ does not forfeit its construction permit because it has filed for an upgrade. There has never been any statement or suggestion made to the Commission on behalf of Station WJYQ that if the proposed upgrade of the station to Channel 288C2 at Kiawah Island were denied, the station would not be constructed as authorized by the outstanding construction permit for Channel 287C3. Certainly, no claim to this effect can validly be made by SB.

The Commission requires that all counterproposals be technically correct and complete at the time of filing. Flora, supra, 7 FCC Rcd at 5477, n.4. The deficiencies in the SB Counterproposal are not minor discrepancies, but involve critical threshold standards that must be met by every proposal in an allotment proceeding. The SB Counterproposal must therefore be dismissed as unacceptable for filing without any substantive consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE RONALD BRANDON,
RECEIVER FOR CEDER CAROLINA
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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September 12, 1994

DECLARATION

Orville Ronald Brandon hereby states as follows:

- I am the court-appointed Receiver for Ceder Carolina Limited Partnership. In this capacity, I am the authorized licensee for Station WJYQ(FM), Moncks Corner, South Carolina.
- I am aware that a counterproposal has been filed with the Federal Communications Commission by Sampit Broadcasters that seeks the allotment of Channel 288A at Kiawah Island, South Carolina, Channel 287A at Moncks Corner, and Channel 289A at Sampit. This counterproposal is in conflict with the petition for rule making filed on behalf of Station WJYQ, in support of which I authorized the filing of Comments with the FCC on August 26, 1994.
- 3. No one from or on behalf of Sampit Broadcasters, or anyone else for that matter, has contacted me to seek my consent to a "downgrade" of Station WJYQ's authorized facilities on Channel 287C3 at Moncks Corner, to a "downgrade" of Station WJYQ's proposed operation on Channel 288C2 at Kiawah Island, or to a relocation of the authorized transmitter site for Station WJYQ. Had anyone contacted me for this purpose, I would have told them that I refused to consent to any "downgrade" or other degradation in the proposed or authorized service of Station WJYQ, and would not consent to a relocation of the authorized transmitter site.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this _____ day of September, 1994.

> Orville Ronald Brandon Receiver for Ceder Carolina

Limited Partnership

TECHNICAL STATEMENT SUPPORTING A MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTERPROPOSAL PREPARED FOR ORVILLE RONALD BRANDON MM DOCKET 94-70

These technical comments and attached exhibits have been prepared on behalf of Orville Ronald Brandon, Receiver (ORB), licensee of station WJYQ(FM) at Moncks Corner, South Carolina. In the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in MM Docket 94-70, it is proposed to upgrade WJYQ to channel 288C2 (105.5 MHz) and change city of allotment from Moncks Corner, South Carolina to Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Station WJYQ is licensed (BLH-861218KB) to operate on channel 288A at Moncks Corner, and holds a construction permit (BMPH-930511IB) at its license site for operation on channel 287C3 (105.3 MHz).

This response from ORB is in reply to a counterproposal filed by another party in MM Docket 94-70. Sampit Broadcasters (SB) proposes to allot channel 287A to Moncks Corner, South Carolina; channel 288A to Kiawah Island, South Carolina; and channel 289A to Sampit, South Carolina.

All three of SB's proposals are mutually exclusive with ORB's proposal for channel 288C2 at Kiawah Island. SB's proposals for channel 288A at Kiawah Island and the separate proposal for channel 287A at Moncks

Orville Ronald Brandon is the successor-ininterest to Cedar Carolina Limited Partnership, the original petitioner in MM Docket 94-70.

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Corner are both short-spaced to the authorized operation of WJYQ in contravention of the FCC's minimum separation requirements. Furthermore, SB has proposed a replacement channel at Moncks Corner at a site other than as currently authorized.

Figure 1 is a separation study for channel 287A at Moncks Corner from SB's proposed reference site. As shown, SB has proposed a channel 287A site approximately 17.6 kilometers north-northeast of WJYQ's authorized site, which is 124.41 kilometers short-spaced to the WJYQ authorized facilities. SB has not proposed an alternative Class C3 channel for WJYQ's current authorization on channel 287C3. A Class C3 search was conducted to determine if an alternative Class C3 channel was possible at the authorized WJYQ site. No alternative Class C3 channel was found.

Figure 2 is a study for channel 288A at SB's proposed reference site at Kiawah Island. This proposal is 33.29 kilometers short-spaced to the authorized WJXQ site.

I, John A. Lundin, am Vice President of du Treil, Lundin & Rackley, Inc., a consulting communications engineering firm located at 240 North Washington Boulevard, Suite 700, Sarasota, Florida, 34236. I am a registered professional engineer in the District of Columbia (#7499) and the State of Florida (#46454). My qualifications as an engineer are matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission.

The attached technical report has been prepared for Orville Ronald Brandon (ORB). The calculations and exhibits contained in this report were made by me personally or under my direction. All facts contained therein are true of my own knowledge except where stated to be on information or belief, and as to those facts, I believe them to be true.

John A. Lundin

Registered Professional Engineer DC No. 7499

FL No. 46454

September 9, 1994

TECHNICAL STATEMENT SUPPORTING A MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTERPROPOSAL PREPARED FOR ORVILLE RONALD BRANDON MM DOCKET 94-70

FM SEPARATION STUDY

Job Title :SB's Proposed Moncks Corner, SC Separation Buffer 40 km FCC DB Date : 07/26/94 Channel 287A (105.3 MHz) Coordinates: 33-14-20 79-57-35 Call City Channel ERP(kW) Latitude Bearing Dist. Req. Status State FCC File No. Freq. HAAT(m) Longitude deg-Tru (km) (km) 33-19-17 277.4 WACJ Bowman 233A 3.0 73.99 CP SC BPH910301MH 94.5 100.0 80-44-52 63.99 CLEAR 234A 75.80 2.85 336.6 10 WICI Sumter 33-51-55 CPM SC BMPH931220IH 94.7 146.0 80-17-09 65.80 CLEAR Columbia 284C 100. SC BLH891025IA 104.7 306.0 319.4 134.22 95 100. DA 34-09-06 WNOK 80-54-36 39.22 CLEAR LIC WSHG Ridgeland 285A 1.85 32-26-10 225.5 126.74 31 BPH921008JT 104.9 124.0 95.74 CLEAR 80-55-23 CP *To amend to channel 285C3 Per D91-41 WRHA Johnsonville 286A 4.4 33-49-00 28.8 73.32 72 SC BMPH940411JC 105.1 APP 114.0 79-34-35 1.32 CLOSE WRHA Johnsonville 286A 3.00 33-47-00 36.9 75.77 72 CP SC BPH860407MF 105.1 98.0 79-28-02 3.77 CLOSE 286A 6.0 273.1 WGFG Branchville 33-16-30 81.72 72 80-50-08 9.72 CLOSE CP SC BPH920925MD 105.1 100.0 First Come First Serve 287C3 20.0 DA 33-05-35 203.0 17.59 142 **WJYQ** Moncks Corner SC BMPH930511IB 105.3 114.0 -124.41 SHORT 80-02-01 SS CPM From channel 288A Per D91-127 Fair Bluff 32.7 145.58 115 WWIR 287A 1.3 34-20-21 30.58 CLEAR CP NC BPH890313MQ 105.3 146.0 79-06-10 32-02-52 219.8 171.41 142 WRHO Richmond Hill 287C3 11.0 29.41 CLEAR BLH930325KA 105.3 LIC GA 148.0 81-07-26 From Channel 287A Per D91-127 203.0 17.59 72 QYTW 2.05 33-05-35 Moncks Corner 288A SC BLH861218KB 105.5 117.0 80-02-01 -54.41 SHORT LIC *To channel 287C3 Per D91-127 QYUW Kiawah Island 288C2 32-43-38 183.9 56.89 106 PADD SC RM8474 . 0 -49.11 SHORT 105.5 80-00-05 Site Restricted 13KM North

FM SEPARATION STUDY

Job Title :SB's Proposed Moncks Corner, SC Separation Buffer 40 km FCC DB Date : 07/26/94 Channel 287A (105.3 MHz) Coordinates: 33-14-20 79-57-35 Call City Channel ERP(kW) Latitude Bearing Dist. Req. Status State FCC File No. Freq. HAAT(m) Longitude deg-Tru (km) (km) 72.84 72 Kiawah Island 288A 32-35-45 191.8 Prop. 80-07-05 SC SB Proposal 105.5 0.84 CLOSE 288C3 17.0 DA 34-18-58 LO5.5 122.0 79-53-17 WDARFM Darlington 3.1 119.67 89 BPH931229IC 105.5 SC SS 30.67 CLEAR From channel 288A Per D89-326 Prop. Sampit 289A 33-18-20 81.5 51.13 31 SC SB Proposal 105.7 79-25-00 21.13 ClEAR **WTUA** St. Stephen 290A 3.00 33-29-36 13.0 28.98 31 100.0 SC BPH870918NC 105.9 79-53-21 -2.02 SHORT CP *To amend to channel 291A Per D89-326

^{**} End of separation study for channel 287A **

TECHNICAL STATEMENT SUPPORTING A MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTERPROPOSAL PREPARED FOR ORVILLE RONALD BRANDON MM DOCKET 94-70

FM SEPARATION STUDY

Job Title :SB's Proposed Kiawah Island, SC Separation Buffer 40 km FCC DB Date : 07/26/94 Channel 288A (105.5 MHz) Coordinates : 32-35-45 80-07-05									
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WGFG CP First	Branchville SC BPH920925MD Come First Serve	286A 105.1	6.0 100.0	33-16-30 80-50-08	318.6	100.89 69.89	31 CLEAR		
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Prop.	Moncks Corner SC SB Proposal	287A 105.3	. 0	33-14-20 79-57-35	11.7	72.84 0.84	72 CLOSE		
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WJYQ LIC *To ch	Moncks Corner SC BLH861218KB annel 287C3 Per D91-		2.05 117.0	33-05-35 80-02-01		55.71 -59.29			
Prop.	Sampit SC SB Proposal	289A 105.7		33-18-20 79-25-00	39.6	102.50 30.50	72 CLEAR		
WZNY LIC	Augusta GA BLH910705KB	289C 105.7	100. 356.0	33-25-15 81-50-19	300.2 SS	185.00 20.00			
WTUA CP *To am	St. Stephen SC BPH870918NC end to channel 291A		3.00 100.0 326	33-29-36 79-53-21	12.0	101.81 70.81			
WFXH LIC	Hilton Head Island SC BLH910605KC	291C2 106.1	10.5 242.0	32-19-50 80-56-19	249.3 SS	82.57 27.57			

^{**} End of separation study for channel 288A **

Certificate of Service

I, Tamara L. Mariner certify that a copy of the foregoing "Motion for Summary Dismissal" has been hand delivered this 12th day of September, 1994, to the following:

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